#### **FISCAL NOTE**

### HB 534 - SB 1053

February 28, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes the Tennessee Military Heritage Act of 2005 and designates the Tennessee Military Heritage Commission. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for knowingly damaging, removing, loaning, or selling a military heritage site or object without the Commission's written approval and creates a Class D felony offense for a second offense. Requires the Commission to promulgate rules for designation and rules to protect military heritage sites and objects.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$7,200 One-Time

\$89,200 Recurring \$2,100/Incarceration\*

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

# Assumptions:

- Tennessee Military Heritage Commission will have expanded duties and authority and stronger enforcement provisions and requires hiring two Historic Preservation Specialist 2 positions.
- Additional cost for office landscaping, office supplies, printing, computer, network capabilities, travel, equipment, telephone, and office space rental.
- One Class D Felony conviction every five years.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director